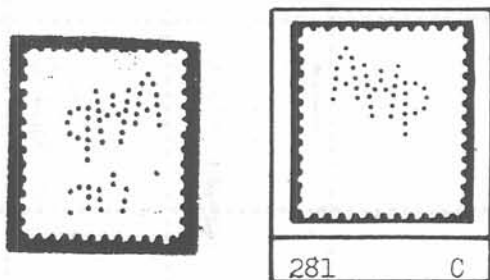


Can You Solve This Puzzle?

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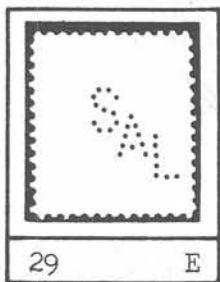


How can a pattern appear complete and partial on the same stamp? Other articles by "Joe" Miller explained how he discovered multiple die patterns by plating multiple copies.

If one knows that there is a multiple head device it usually is not too difficult to locate examples. Whether the differences among the dies is noticeable is dependent upon the skill of the die maker.

The user of this pattern was hard on a perforator to have broken so many pins. This usually resulted from overloading the perforator or jerking down on the handle.

If you do not have a large number of duplicates the way to discover varieties is to compare your perfins with the illustration in The Catalog of United States Perfins .



There is another example of pin breakage shown on the next page. In this case the perfin is S29 of Seaboard Airline Railroad. The large five die piece, shows five different areas of pin loss.

Since each vertical column shows loss of the same pins, we think that this piece was made on a five die device.

A quick hard punch coupled with too many sheets of stamps would snap off one or more pins. This suggests that careless employees or heavy usage broke this device at the headquarters of Seaboard Airline Railroad.

